

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 11-20, of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

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This patent application is a continuation of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/846,490, filed April 30, 2001, which is a divisional of commonly-owned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/156,957 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,246,247), filed September 18, 1998, which is a divisional of commonly-owned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/554,902 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,974,662), filed November 9, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/452,255 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,269) (hereinafter "PARENT CASE"), filed 5/26/95 (status: pending), which is a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/340,144 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,917,707), filed 11/15/94 (status: pending) and its counterpart PCT patent application number PCT/US94/13373 filed 11/16/94 (published 26 May 95 as WO 95/14314), both of which are continuations-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/152,812 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,476,211), filed 11/16/93 (status: pending/allowed).

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 21-25, of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

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~~This patent application~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/554,902 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,974,662), filed November 9, 1995, is also a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/526,246 (now abandoned), filed 9/21/95 (status: pending), and of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/533,584 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,772,451), filed 10/18/95 (status: pending).